

GENERAL GOMEZ BANQUETED

Displeased Because Spaniards Were Not Invited.

A PICTURE OF WASHINGTON

Senior Rivera Pays Glowing Tribute to Washington—The Cuban Hero Speaks Briefly, but Makes No Reference to Politics—He is Ill and Looks Tired—Barracks For Our Soldiers.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Matanzas, Feb. 22.—8:50 a. m.—The banquet tendered to General Maximo Gomez last night was a brilliant affair and well attended. The Junta Patriotica, which had charge of the entertainment, refrained from inviting Spaniards, which displeased the Cuban commander.

The banquet was given in the theatre.

The guests numbered 200, and 4,000 spectators were present. The boxes were crowded with ladies belonging to the best circles of society and the public generally crowded the four tiers of galleries.

OLD, BUT GALLANT.

General Wilson sat on the right of General Gomez, and the Cuban General, Betancourt, was seated on his left.

A picture of George Washington was prominently displayed on the wall.

General Gomez, during the banquet, left his seat and gallantly offered some flowers to Mrs. Wilson.

CHEERS FOR MCKINLEY.

The speeches began at 10 o'clock. Senior Labastida, in the course of his remarks, said the authorities at Washington would never govern the country against its will, a remark which was loudly cheered. The house also cheered President McKinley.

Senior Rivera said General Gomez would never leave Cuba. He was to bring his family here from San Domingo and stay always in Cuba.

The speaker referred glowingly to Washington and was loudly cheered.

GOMEZ SPEAKS BRIEFLY.

Senior Julio Ortiz, president of the junta, welcomed General Gomez to Matanzas. The Cuban commander answered, thanked his hosts and referred feelingly to the dark days of the revolution. He said his gratitude at the welcome accorded him could not express the deep feelings of his heart. He made no reference to politics and was so hoarse he could hardly articulate.

General Gomez has been ill for several days past and looks tired out. The banquet was over at 11 o'clock. General Gomez was cheered as he departed. BROOKE FAYOR'S MODERN BARRACKS.

Havana, Feb. 22.—Major General Brooke, the Governor-General, approves the plans for erecting plain, wooden barracks for the troops which will remain here during the hot weather.

A building for each company 150x20 feet, with double roof and having for the sides of the house panels on horizontal pivots, so as to swing completely open, with a kitchen separate, but connected by a covered way, will cost per company \$5,000. Some of the troops will occupy the Spanish masonry barracks.

General Carpenter has just found one, capable of accommodating 3,000 men, at Ciego de Avila, in Moron Trocha.

THE NATIONAL LEGISLATURE.

WASHINGTON'S FAREWELL ADDRESS—EULOGIES—ARMOR PLATE.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Washington, Feb. 22.—To-day's session of the Senate was devoted to two special orders, the reading of Washington's farewell address, an annual custom of the Senate on Washington's birthday, and the pronouncing of eulogies on the late Senator Justin S. Morrill, of Vermont.

FAURE MEMORIAL SERVICE.

An invitation extended by the Chateau d'Affaires of France, M. Thebaud, through Secretary of State Hay, to the members of the Senate to attend the memorial funeral services of the late President Faure, of France, to be held to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock in St. Matthews Church, this city, was read. Mr. Cullom (Illinois) moved that the invitation be accepted, but it was pointed out that the invitation was not to the Senate as a body, but to individual members, and that any action upon it was unnecessary.

Mr. Wolcott (Colorado) was then introduced, and from the Vice-President's desk read Washington's farewell address in accordance with the resolution of Mr. Hoar.

EULOGIES UPON SENATOR MORRILL.

At the conclusion of the reading of the address Mr. Ross (Vermont) called upon the resolutions relating to the death of the late Senator Justice S. Morrill, of Vermont, and began his eulogy upon the distinguished statesman.

At the conclusion of Mr. Ross' address Mr. Vest (Missouri), who had served with Senator Morrill for twenty years on the committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, paid to his memory a most beautiful and touching tribute.

During the delivery of the eulogies, Mr. Morrill's son, Mr. James S. Morrill, and other members of the Morrill family, occupied seats in the executive gallery.

The eulogies were concluded at 3:15 p. m., and as a further mark of respect the Senate then adjourned.

IN THE HOUSE.

Washington, Feb. 22.—The House to-day inaugurated the custom which has prevailed for many years in the Senate of listening to the reading of Washington's farewell address on Washington's birthday.

The address was read at the request of Mr. Bailey, of Texas, the Democratic leader.

COST OF ARMOR PLATE.

Two hours were devoted to the naval appropriation bill, but seemingly only the threshold of the debate upon the cost of armor plate had been passed. Mr. Boutelle's amendment, fixing the maximum price of armor plate at \$45 per ton, but restricting the provision to the appropriation made in the present bill was ruled to be in order, whereupon another proposition was offered by Mr. Underwood, of Alabama, for the erection of an armor plate plant by the Government and appropriating \$1,000,000 for the same. A point of order against the latter proposition was pending when the consideration of the naval bill was suspended to allow the members of the House to pay their tribute to the memory of the late Senator Morrill, of Vermont.

Messrs. Grout and Powers, of Vermont; Walker, of Massachusetts; and Grow, of Pennsylvania, pronounced eulogies, and at 4:20, as a further mark of respect, the House adjourned.

Do your glasses suit you? If not, see Dr. Weck, 310 Main street.

The courses of the Virginian-Pilot's "Home Study Circle" begin next Sunday, the 26th of February. See announcement page 7.

CRAZED BY SUFFERINGS.

FATE OF THE CREW OF THE WILLIAM LAWRENCE.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 22.—Robert A. Beale, second officer of the steamer William Lawrence, which was wrecked on the South Carolina coast during the blizzard of last week, has gone crazy from his intense sufferings in the open boat during the storm. Beale's home is in Baltimore, and he has been sent there in the hope that treatment at a private sanitarium may restore his reason.

There were seven men in the boat with Beale. Of the number Chief Engineer Roach is dead, one sailor will lose one or both feet, two other sailors will lose their toes, and Beale has gone mad from his sufferings from cold.

Winnie Davis' Successor.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Richmond, Va., Feb. 22.—Mrs. Hayes, the only living daughter of President Jefferson Davis, was to-day elected honorary regent of the "Solid South" room in the Confederate Museum, vice her sister, Miss Winnie Davis. To-day was an anniversary meeting, falling on Washington's birthday, the anniversary of Mr. Davis' inauguration and the anniversary of the opening of the museum. Mrs. Davis sent the museum twenty-eight metal and four ribbon badges presented to Miss Winnie by Confederate organizations, and Mrs. Hayes promised the suit of clothes worn by Mr. Davis when he was captured.

Railway Construction Enjoined.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Richmond, Va., Feb. 22.—A bill was filed in the United States Court here to-day by Mr. Charles Price, of North Carolina, representing Coler & Co., of New York, asking for an injunction upon the corporate authorities of Wilkes county, N. C., restraining them from disposing of the interest on the bonds issued by the county in aid of the building of the Northwestern North Carolina Railway. Circuit Judge Goff granted the injunction, and will hear the motion to make it permanent at Asheville, in March. This bill is filed to validate the county bonds declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of North Carolina some months ago.

A Wife Defends Herself.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Middlesboro, Ky., Feb. 22.—Mattie Winston killed her husband with a shot gun this morning in Lee county, Ky. Her husband had been in the habit of whipping her and tried it this morning, when she killed him. Mrs. Winston is an invalid. She left home when she committed the deed, and has not been seen since.

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THE BIRTHDAY OF WASHINGTON

(Continued from First Page.)

our prophesies are merely guesses, colored by our hopes and our surroundings. Man's opinion of what is to be is half wish and half environment. Avarice paints destiny with a dollar mark before it, militarism equips it with a sword.

"He is the best prophet who, recognizing the omnipotence of truth, comprehends most clearly the great forces which are working out the progress, not of one party, not of one nation, but of the human race.

HISTORICAL PREDICTIONS.

"History is replete with predictions which once wore the hue of destiny but which failed of fulfillment because those who uttered them saw too small an arc of the circle of events. When Pharaoh pursued the fleeing Israelites to the edge of the Red Sea he was confident that their bondage would be rewarded and that they would again make bricks without straw, but destiny was not revealed until Moses and his followers reached the further shore dry shod and the waves rolled over the horses and chariots of the Egyptians. When Belshazzar, on the last night of his reign, lead his thousand lords into the Babylonian banquet hall and sat down to a table glittering with vessels of silver and gold he felt sure of his kingdom for many years to come, but destiny was not revealed until the hand wrote upon the wall those awe-inspiring words, 'Mene, Mene, Tekel Upharsin.' When Abderrahman swept northward with his conquering hosts his imagination saw the Crescent triumphant throughout the world, but destiny was not revealed until Charles Martel raised the cross above the battlefield of Tours and saved Europe from the sword of Mohammedanism. When Napoleon emerged victorious from Marengo, from Ulm and from Austerlitz he thought himself the child of destiny, but destiny was not revealed until Wellington and the vanquished Cordoba began his melancholy march to St. Helena. When the red-coats of George the Third routed the New Englanders at Lexington and Bunker Hill there rose before the British sovereign visions of colonies taxed without representation and drained of their wealth by foreign trade laws, but destiny was not revealed until the surrender of Cornwallis completed the work begun at Independence Hall and ushered into existence a government deriving its just powers from the consent of the governed.

ANOTHER CRISIS.

"We have reached another crisis. The ancient doctrine of imperialism, banished from our land more than a century ago, has re-crossed the Atlantic and challenged democracy to mortal combat upon American soil. Whether the Spanish shall be known in history as a war of liberty or as a war of conquest; whether the principles of self-government shall be strengthened or abandoned; whether this nation shall remain a homogeneous republic or become a heterogeneous empire—these questions must be answered by the American people—when they speak, and not until then, will destiny be revealed.

"Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice; it is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved.

"No one can see the end from the beginning, but everyone can make his course an honorable one from beginning to end, by adhering to the right under all circumstances. Whether a man steals much or little may depend upon his opportunities, but whether he steals at all depends upon his own volition.

CAREER OF CONQUEST.

"So with our nation. If we embark upon a career of conquest, no one can tell how many hands will be able to seize or how many races we may be able to subjugate; neither can any one estimate the cost, immediate and remote, to the nation's purse and to the nation's character, but whether we shall enter upon such a career is a question which the people have a right to decide for themselves.

"Unexpected events may retard or advance the nation's growth, but the nation's purpose determines its destiny.

"What is the nation's purpose? That purpose is set forth clearly and unmistakably in the first sentence of the Constitution.

"We, the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and to our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

"It will be seen that one of the main purposes of the founders of our government was to secure for themselves and for posterity the blessings of liberty.

"That purpose has been faithfully followed up to this time. Our statesmen have opposed each other upon economic questions, but they have never in defending self-government as the controlling national idea. They have quarreled among themselves over tariff and finance, but they have been united in their opposition to an entangling alliance with any European power.

"Under this policy our nation has grown in numbers and in strength. Under this policy the beneficent influence has extended the globe. Under this policy the tax payers have been spared the burden and the menace of a large military establishment and the young men have been taught the arts of peace rather than the science of war. On each returning Fourth of July our people have met to celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence; their hearts have renewed their vows to free institutions and their voices have praised the forefathers whose wisdom and courage and patriotism made it possible for each succeeding generation to repeat the words, 'My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing.'"

"This sentiment was well nigh universal until a year ago. It was to this sen-

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novel cargo. At that place she will embark a complete hospital establishment of five hundred beds which she will carry to Matanzas, after touching at Havana to disembark a pack train of mules from this city. It is understood that the hospital supplies which the ship will carry will embrace everything except the building and it is possible that she will take lumber with which to construct the hospital building at Matanzas.

the Slay, the Celt, the Teuton and the Anglo-Saxon; but greater than any of these is the American, in whom are blended the virtues of them all.

"Civil and religious liberty, universal education and the right to participate, directly or through representatives chosen by themselves, in all the affairs of government—these give to the American citizen an opportunity and an inspiration which can be found nowhere else.

"Standing upon the vantage ground already gained the American people can aspire to a grander destiny than has opened before any other race.

"Anglo-Saxon civilization has taught the individual to protect his own rights. American civilization will teach him to respect the rights of others.

"Anglo-Saxon civilization has taught the individual to take care of himself. American civilization, proclaiming the equality of all before the law, will teach him that his own highest good requires the observance of the commandment: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

"Anglo-Saxon civilization has, by force of arms, applied the art of government to other races for the benefit of Anglo-Saxons, American civilization will, by the influence of example, excite in other races a desire for self-government and a determination to secure it.

"Time's noblest off-spring is the last."

The Pigeon Shooting Match.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

New York, Feb. 22.—George S. McAlpin, of the Carteret Gun Club, won the amateur shooting championship of America on his home grounds to-day, with a score of 96 killed out of a possible 100. Since the championship contest was inaugurated in 1895 none of the scores has equalled that made by to-day's winner. Louis T. Duryea, also of the Carteret Club, ran second, with 85 kills, and Charles Painter, of the Heron Hill Club, of Pittsburg, took third honors with 83.

Youthful Burglars Arrested.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 22.—Deputy U. S. Marshall White brought in from Bullock county yesterday two exceptional criminals. They are negro children, aged 8 and 11 years, and the charge against them is burglary of a Federal building. They broke into the postoffice at Bliss, by a second story window and rifled the cash drawer.

Southern Pine Land Monopolized.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Middlesboro, Ky., Feb. 22.—The pine timber lands of Southwest Virginia, East Tennessee and Northwest North Carolina have been monopolized by Canadian and New England capitalists. The capital of the syndicate is \$5,000,000.

A Novel Cargo.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 22.—The transport Michigan will sail from this city to-morrow for Key West to take on a